

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Wichita Police Officer Charged**

Wichita Police Department (WPD) Officer Josh Price has been charged with two misdemeanors and one felony by the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office.

Price has been on administrative leave since Oct. 20. In a change from WPD practice, Chief Gordon Ramsay said Price has been on administrative leave without pay since Oct. 30.

The charges stem from an Oct. 20 arrest for misdemeanor official misconduct and stalking. The arrest was made by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, after WPD officials requested an investigation for potential criminal conduct. Price has been employed as a WPD police officer for 18 years.

WPD officials requested the investigation involve the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, as part of a collaborative agreement to ensure transparency and avoid conflicts of interest.

"We hold our officers to the highest standards, and accountable when they fail to meet those standards," Ramsay said.